

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 8 as indicated below.

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Sub B1
a2
1. (Amended) A heat-treated elongate member formed at least in part of a composite elongate core, the composite elongate core formed in part of a precipitation hardened material and in part of a superelastic material.

Sub B2
a2
8. (Amended) A heat-treated elongate member formed at least in part of a composite elongate core, the composite elongate core formed in part of precipitation hardened material and in part of a superelastic material, the precipitation hardenable material comprising at least two materials selected from the group consisting of nickel, cobalt, molybdenum, chromium, tungsten, and iron. *NA*

REMARKS

Applicant on January 14, 2002, filed a new Power Of Attorney/Revocation Of Prior Powers. Applicant kindly requests that all future communications from the Patent Office be directed to the undersigned attorneys of record.

Applicant requests reconsideration of the application in view of the preceding amendments and the following remarks. Claims 1 and 8 have been amended. Claims 1-25 are pending. Claims 1 and 8 are independent claims.

Support for the amendments to the claims is found in the specification. No new matter has been added in making the amendments herein.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE."